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In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56 and § 1.97, Applicants submits and wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the references listed below.

1. Translation of the Japanese Office Action dated September 09, 2003 for a related patent application, together with the following seven (7) references that were cited in the Office Action by the Japanese Patent Examiner and corresponding English translation of the abstracts.

2. Japanese Patent Application , First Publication No. 63-208809,
published 08/30/1988.

3. Japanese Patent Application, First Publication No. 60-242406,
published 12/02/1985.

4. Japanese Patent Application, First Publication No. 62-222206,
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5. Japanese Patent Application , First Publication No. 08-313749,
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6. Japanese Patent Application, First Publication No. 01-287603,
published 11/20/1989.

7. Japanese Patent Application, First Publication No. 08-043657,
published 02/16/1996.

8. Japanese Patent Application, First Publication No. 03-206405,
published 09/09/1991.

9. Copy of the Australian Office Action dated August 26, 2003 for a
related patent application, together with the following three (3) references that were cited
in the Office Action by the Australian Patent Examiner. (The applicant notes that U.S.
Patent No. 6,463,195 and U.S. Patent No. 5,689,578 were previously submitted by the
applicant independently in another Information Disclosure Statement.)

10. U.S. Patent No. 5,024,501, issued on 06/18/1991 to Taya et al.
11. U.S. Patent No. 5,420, issued on 05/30/1995 to Arima et al.
12. Morishita et al., *Journal of Lightwave Technology*, vol. 9, no. 11, pp. 1503-1507, dated November 1991.

Copies of these references and translation of the Japanese Office Action, together with the translation of the abstracts of the cited Japanese references are submitted herewith along with the Form PTO-1449. Relevance of the submitted references is explained in the translation of the Japanese Office Action dated September 09, 2003.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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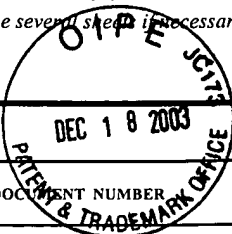
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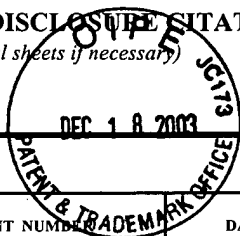
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